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SUBJECT:ACLS AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

1. RICHARD DOWNAR OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES (ACLS) AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM IS PLANNING TO BUCHAREST MID-MARCH TO DISCUSS ACLS GRANTS IN AMERICAN STUDIES WITH APPROPRIATE ROMANIAN OFFICIALS. DOWNAR INFORMED CU/EE DIRECTOR THAT THIS YEAR ONLY ONE OF THE FOUR ROMANIANS AWARDED ACLS GRANTS IN AMERICAN STUDIES RECEIVED PERMISSION TO LEAVE ROMANIA. IF THIS CONTINUES ACLS MAY HAVE TO DROP ROMANIA FROM COMPETITION FOR THESE GRANTS. ROMANIAN PROGRAM IS NOW IN ITS FOURTH YEAR AND ACLS DESIRES TO CONTINUE IT, BUT ONLY IF GIVEN ASSURANCES OF ROMANIAN INTEREST AND COOPERATION.

2. DOWNAR ASKED DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE WHOM HE SHOULD SEE IN BUCHAREST. DOWNAR IS ALSO WILLING TO CALL FIRST AT EMBASSY AND TO HAVE EMBOFF ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS CALLS.

3. IN VIEW COMMITMENT MADE IN RECENTLY CONCLUDED INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGES AND PROGRAM FOR 1975-76,
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WE BELIEVE THIS IS MATTER FOR DISCUSSION AT APPROPRIATELY

HIGH LEVEL IN ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT. DOWNAR PLANS DEPART
US ON FEBRUARY 9 AND WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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